

PROJECT STATUS REPORT					1. REPORTING PERIOD	
NOTE: See instructions on reverse side.						
2. CRYPTONYM		3. DIVISION OR BRANCH		4. COUNTRY		5. APPROVAL
A. PROJECT	B. SUB-PROJECT	TARGET		BASE		BY
CHOROOND		IE/A		Austria		DATE
				Austria		7 AUG 53
6. NAME OF CASE OFFICER		ROOM NO.	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER		
		2309 E	6392			
7. TYPE OF PROJECT		PP	XPM	FI		
8. PERSONNEL		PROJ. T/O POSITIONS ASSIGNED PERSONNEL		9. FUNDS FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR		
STAFF AGENTS		None		A. CURRENT PROJ. CEIL.		
CONTRACT PERSONNEL		None		B. CUM. ALLOTMENT		
				C. EST. CUM. OBLIGATIONS		
				\$ 25,000		
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				\$ 21,818.29		

10. Action Reported by Field:

(1) Caching

The 13 air reception caches, a part of the priority caching effort in Austria this year, are being prepared in their entirety in the Field and will be completed and ready for emplacement by 15 June. Headquarters is now packaging sabotage material to allow 30 caches to be explained in the U. S. Zone of Austria and 15 caches in the British and French Zones. The estimated time of arrival in Salzburg (of this material for 30 sabotage caches) is 3 July.

Although the Field believes Headquarters is sending more material than can be cached, Headquarters has decided, and has so informed the Field, that the emplacement of 30 sabotage caches is a definite goal, not necessarily a definite expected goal, and therefore, Headquarters is supplying sufficient material in anticipation of the Field's emplacement of the desired number. (The Field had originally estimated that 11 sabotage caches could be explained.)

The staff employee who supervised the 19th caching effort in Austria and will supervise this year's effort is being transferred PCS from Frankfurt to Salzburg on 15 June. (Both the air reception and the sabotage caches are being explained to provide wartime communications with and support to the Austrian FI organizations, CHLAUCH and CHADONH.)

(2) Recruit and Recruit

CHUPAIR's 3, 4, and 6 have been submitting names and carrying out assignments of candidates for recruitment. (CHUPAIR is the central segment of the E & E line.)

The case officer has been unable to contact CHUPAIR-1, the only agent in the project, for the past eight months. This has been due both to poor luck and bad will on the part of the agent. The C/O now plans to contact the agent only to gain access to a potential E & E asset; then to get the agent, CHUPAIR-1, "on ice". (CHUPAIR is one of three lines comprising the eastern segment of the E & E line.)

(3) Guerrilla Warfare

A long scheduled air reconnaissance of Tirol and Salzburg provinces was carried out by four men: the case officer, a Salzburg Ops Base photographer, and CHLAUCH-1 and -2, the Project principal agent and his deputy. Approximately 10 areas of operational interest were spotted for further reconnaissance. (CHLAUCH is a FI organization with members in Salzburg and Tirol provinces.)

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ORLAUNCH-1, the project principal agent, has stated to the case officer that he now has the opportunity to extend his organization into Vorarlberg province where he has had no assets. ORLAUNCH-1 envisions acquiring one man to act as a spotter and as the nucleus for D-day enlargement.

(4) Resistance

Specific wartime contact plans and recognition/safety signals have been established with ORALTAR, an agent intended to be a wartime W/T operator. (ORALTAR is a single agent residing in Vienna who is not specifically affiliated with any FM organization.)

ORHATTEH has requested permission of his case officer to emigrate to the U.S.A. The agent has been instructed to entrust his W/T set and return it to his case officer. The agent has been informed that we will attempt to use our influence to assist his departure to the U.S. (ORHATTEH is a single agent, not associated with any FM or E & E organization, who was intended to be a stay-behind W/T operator. He is of Hungarian nationality and feels he could be used in a wartime situation in Hungary equally well whether he is living in the U.S. or in Austria when war commences.)

ORCROOND-1, a single W/T agent in the Salzburg area, has been instrumental in the recruitment of ORBASAL. ORCROOND-1 is continuing his spotting and assessing duties.

ORBASAL has been recruited as a stay-behind W/T agent for FM activities (see ORCROOND-1 above.)

(5) Training

The length of the FM refresher course for the six ORDAGGER members who received FM training in 1954 has been reduced from six days to three days. This reduction in time is due to the inability of the trainees to take more than 3 days off from their jobs. This refresher course is to be run the 27, 28, and 29 July. (ORDAGGER is a FM organization with Hqs. in Vienna and members throughout Austria.)

The full FM course for six other ORDAGGER members, to be run in August, is still to be an 11 day course. It will cover essentially the same FM subjects in the same amount of time as was done in the successful 1954 training program. The full course is to run from 3 to 13 August.

The two Headquarters staff employees who are to conduct these two courses are now taking 2 weeks of FM refresher training at ISOLATION. One employee is scheduled to arrive in the field on 7 July; the other to arrive on 13 July.

ORREPAIR 5 has been recruited, checked for code aptitude, and scheduled for W/T training.

d. Security Factors:

No new information

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